

We will refer to some of the most characteristic scriptures in reference to the right attitude of persons to surroundings and the proper ground to occupy. "I say unto you that ye resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also." Jesus. Matt. v, 39, 40.

19. For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.

20. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

21. For ever hereunto were ye called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps. 1 Peter ii, 19-21.

11. Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place; 12, And labor, working with our own hands; being reviled we bless: being persecuted we suffer it; 13, Being defamed, we entreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day." 1 Cor. iv, 11-13.

It seems very clear that the teachings of the Bible in reference to the relation one should sustain to at least a certain kind or set of surroundings has given to us what is called the "Doctrine of Non-Resistance." We have, in the teachings of Jesus and the Holy Spirit above quoted, some very clear strong and helpful statements as to what course to pursue in respect to ones own "rights" as men are very much wont to say. Now the opposing element is not considered at all. No difference how vexing or insinuating or insulting or belittling may be the abuses that are hurled in the way the attitude toward them is always the same. The man who would be like Jesus can not allow a comparison of his living to be made with the life of those around him or with the influences that are brought to bear upon him. He must have a "single eye."

From the quotation from Matt. it is clear that no defense is to be made in case of personal insult or wrong and no effort to be made by way of force to

protect self from wrong or injustice. It is better to suffer wrong than to do wrong, when defamed or reviled no relief is to be sought by talking back. It is not hinted any where in God's word that he is great and strong and wise who can say cutting words in answer to some slander about himself. It is said of Jesus. "When he was reviled, he reviled not again." 1 Peter ii, 23. The power of having ones mind set upon higher things with firmness and clear conviction is the key to the real secret of the energy for true manly Christ-like living. It surely is very jarring and grating, upon men and women with the fineness of spiritual taste that is given by the Holy Spirit to those who will seek it, to see persons scrambling for their own honor and anxiously striving to have the world recognize their own dignity and greatness. It is clearly set forth in these scriptures and others that Christians will submit to rightful authority. And though a law may be wrong yet they will yield to the authority of their rulers in matters not conflicting with the teachings of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. In the quotation from 1 Cor. are found some very wholesome teachings for preachers; at least if they seek to preach and teach Christ. It is quite common for preachers to argue in the matter of the churches' duty respecting their remuneration, that they could obtain so much at other work and that therefore they must have that certain amount before they will preach the Gospel. Now from the spirits here shown in Paul, one who is truly called of God and knows the riches of God's bounty and wisdom, will teach and tell the glad tidings in spite of every hindrance, and he will not spend the most of his time gathering in his "Salary" and seeking, as a thing to be sought, the increasing of his "Salary." He will not allow wrongs in the way of neglect on the part of the church in this particular to drive him from his work.

Of course this does not argue that the church or the church member that is careless and negligent is in the right. In fact it is given by Paul as an argument to the contrary. It is written as a warning to those whom he had served.

(To be continued.)

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PRAYER AND FIRE.

Some years ago, the beautiful town of Milton, Pa., was visited by a very destructive fire. In twenty minutes after the fire was first seen, the town was ablaze in a dozen places, and beyond the control of the firemen. Hundreds of families were left homeless, and many had not time to secure a change of clothes from their homes. Few houses remained unharmed.

In a house in a burned region lived a little boy, who urged his parents to stop trying to save the house, and pray. They replied, they could pray and work too. But this did not satisfy the little fellow. He left his parents, who were busy tearing up carpets and carrying out clothing, and went into one corner of the room, and asked God to spare their home. The house was saved, while nearly every surrounding one was burned to the ground.

The parents of the boy believed their home was saved in answer to his prayers.—*Selected.*

A large family of children stands a better chance of growing up into useful, happy, unselfish men and women than one composed of one or two pampered, over-indulged, wrongly trained little animals, such as now pass for the American child! The blame for those ugly monstrosities of childhood does not lie with the poor little creatures themselves, but in their lack of proper care and training, which are neither granting every wish the child can utter, whether judicious or injudicious, nor leaving the child through mistaken kindness to form its own character, without proper reproof or admonition. The fact is, Americans no longer want many children, and when they have any they get along with them the easiest way possible—let them do as they please; for that is much less trouble than to train them properly—*Inter Ocean.*

A godly life is a living prayer that will never end.

The first lesson in deceit is often taken by going in debt.

All that God requires of any of us is our prayerful best.

It is not the bird with the brightest plumage that sings the sweetest.